



Did U Know?

The word 'gymnasium' comes from the Greek root 'gymnos' meaning nude; the literal meaning of gymnasium is "school for naked exercise". Athletes in the ancient Olympic Games would participate in the nude.



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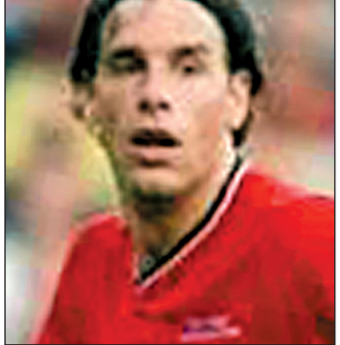
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First Test (Day 1)
Live at 9 pm



TALK TURKEY



Ruud van Nistelrooy
(Man United striker)
"When I stop playing, I will quit the game for good and never come back into football. I never want to be a manager. I think I have a lovely life but when I stop that will be it."

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 21

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Competition closes at 8 pm June 4, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who won the GP Corporate Cricket League Plate title?
Acme Tank Ispahani Gazi

2. Who lifted the United Insurance IM Chess crown?
Refeat Niaz Zia

3. What was result of the Bangladesh-West Indies ODI series?
2-1 2-0 3-0

4. Who will host the 2010 FIFA World Cup?
Germany England South Africa

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Narayanganj complete semis lineup

SPORTS REPORTER

Narayanganj dumped star-studded Dhaka University out of the Sher-e-Bangla 22nd National Football Championship when they shared a goalless draw at the Natore Stadium yesterday.

Both teams ended level on four points but Narayanganj, who needed a draw in the Group D decider, emerged champions by virtue of better goal difference to set up a semifinal clash against Bhola on May 29.

Defending champions Noakhali are pitted against Bangladesh Army in the first semifinal on May 28. Naogaon, the other team in the group, lost 3-1 to Narayanganj and 3-2 to Dhaka University. Dhaka University, who donned seven current and former national footballers in their lineup, piled on the pressure in a must-win situation but all their efforts were thwarted by rival goalkeeper Mohammed Ali, who was adjudged man-of-the-match.

In another match at the same venue, hosts Natore brushed aside Nilphamari 7-1 with man-of-the-match Saqlain slamming a hat-trick. Mashuk scored twice while Tanvir and Shamsuzzaman added one each for the winners. Shimul reduced the margin for Nilphamari.



PHOTO: AFP

NIGHT TO REMEMBER: FC Porto footballers celebrate with the Champions League trophy after beating Monaco 3-0 in the final at the Arena AufSchalke Stadium in Gelsenkirchen, Germany on Wednesday.

Lehmann kills slowly



REUTERS, Harare

Darren Lehmann scored a half-century and took four wickets to play the major hand in Australia's victory over Zimbabwe that clinched the series in the second one-day international yesterday.

Australia scored 323 for eight and dismissed Zimbabwe for 184 in 44.3 overs to win by 139 runs to take a 2-0 lead and claim the three-match series that began earlier than planned.

It was brought forward after the two-match Test series was called off because of the weak side Zimbabwe would have fielded.

Zimbabwe have been forced to pick a second-string team since last month when 15 white players made themselves unavailable over what they see as racially driven selection policies.

Lehmann was in superb form with bat and ball, scoring a brisk 67 off 69 balls with seven fours and a six and knocking over Zimbabwe's tail to take a career best four for seven with his nagging left-arm spin.

Matthew Hayden faced 101 balls as he hit 12 fours for his 87 and shared a third-wicket stand of 137 with Lehmann that saw the Zimbabwean attack travel to all parts of the ground.

Brendan Taylor top scored for Zimbabwe with a dogged 65 off 93 balls with five fours but his dismissal in the 36th over started a collapse that claimed the last seven wickets for 21 runs in nine overs.

Adam Gilchrist and Michael Clarke were dismissed cheaply as Australia slipped to 43 for two in the eighth over.

But Hayden and Lehmann pulverised the bowling until the 31st over when off-spinner Stuart Matsikenyeri beat Lehmann with flight and bowled him.

Hayden went in the 38th over, heaving a ball from medium pacer Tawanda Mupariwa to deep mid-wicket where Mark Vermeulen took the catch.

Medium pacer Douglas Hondo left the field after bowling 9.3 overs when Ricky Ponting, who came in at number eight, crashed a full-blooded drive into the side of the bowler's head.

Hondo did not bat in Zimbabwe's innings.

Zimbabwe's reply began solidly enough when Matsikenyeri and Taylor put on 48 for the first wicket, with Taylor and Vusi Sibanda sharing 60 runs for the second wicket.

Taylor and Mark Vermeulen then shared 55 in another steady partnership.

But Zimbabwe collapsed dramatically after Taylor top-edged a sweep to left-arm wrist spinner Brad Hogg and was caught by Jason Gillespie at fine leg.

Lehmann entered the attack in the next over, the 37th, and with his second ball he had Vermeulen caught by Glenn McGrath at short fine leg for 25.

Alester Maregwede scored 18 not out but none of the remaining five Zimbabwe batsmen scored more than one run each.

Lehmann attributed his career best figures to nothing more than "very slow bowling". "It was just very slow bowling," Lehmann told reporters.

"The pitch had a bit in it early, and

because it's a big day in my life to give up the game of cricket but it's not because I am sad.
"I would have loved to have played 100 caps but not for the stat."
Hussain had revealed to England coach Duncan Fletcher and captain Michael Vaughan

before announcing his news to the media.
He said: "I spoke to Duncan. He was adamant that I should go out in the way I deserved. He did not say 'No Nasser I want you to stay,' none of the selectors did that, nor did the captain."
Hussain captained England in 45 of his 96 Tests before stepping down in favour of Michael Vaughan last year.
England won 17 Tests under his leadership, a total exceeded only by Peter May (20) and Mike Brearley (18).
Hussain scored 5,764 Test runs at an average of 37.18 during an England career which began on the 1990 tour to the West Indies.
He made 14 centuries and 33 fifties, with a highest score of 207 against Australia in Edgbaston in 1997.



NASSER HUSSAIN

FACT-BOX

Born: 28 March, 1968 in Madras
Essex record: debut in 1987, benefit 1999
England record: debut in 1990, v West Indies (Jamaica)
England captaincy: Won 17 of a record 45 Tests
Test centuries: 14, highest score: 207 v Australia (Edgbaston, 1997)

Mega Dutch tri-series

AFP, New Delhi

World champions Australia will take on Asian rivals India and Pakistan in a high-profile limited-overs cricket series to be played in the Netherlands in August, it was announced on Thursday.

The series will be held in Amsterdam between August 22-29 and promises to draw a huge television audience around the world despite it clashing with the Athens Olympics, which run from August 13-29.

Each team will play the other once in the preliminary league with the top two advancing to the final, Indian cricket board official Ratnakar Shetty said.

The Netherlands, an associate member of the International Cricket Council (ICC), hosted a World Cup match in 1999, but this will be the first multi-nation series to be played there.

The Dutch are no strangers to cricket. Their national team qualified to play in two World Cups in 1996 and 2003.

Australia, India and Pakistan will use the series to prepare for the 12-nation Champions Trophy tournament to be held in England in September.

Ctg cricket

CU CORRESPONDENT

Kallol Sangha and Abedin Club won their respective matches in the CJKS S Alam First Division Cricket League which resumed in Chittagong yesterday after a short break.

Kallol inflicted a massive eight-wicket defeat on Mohammedan Sporting Club Blues at the Chittagong Divisional Stadium.

Sankar Sen grabbed five wickets for 25 to bowl out Mohammedan Blues for only 131 in 42.2 overs. Middle-order batsman Mustafizur Rahman top-scored with 36.

In reply, Kallol Sangha reached 133-2 in 29 overs. One down Tofasal Zitu made 40 while opener Nayan Biswas was unbeaten on 33.

In the other match, Abedin Club

DAY'S EVENT
Bangladesh v West Indies
First Test
Venue: St Lucia

Ngueyn lifts title



SPORTS REPORTER

Vietnamese Grand Master Nguyen Anh Dung clinched the Leonine Second Grand Master Chess tournament title when he picked the much needed half-a-point in the 11th and final round yesterday.

Ngueyn finished with 8.5 points when he drew with Bangladeshi International Master Enamul Hossain Razib at the National Sports Council conference room in the morning.

While Ngueyn ran away with the title, Abdullah Al Rakib won his second GM norm when he defeated Grand Master Niaz Mursheed after a four-hour-long battle. He also ended runner-up with eight points.

The 24-year-old from Narayanganj won his first GM norm in 2001 in the Asian Championship in Delhi.

Rakib, who became an International Master in 1998 during the Chess Olympiad in Russia, believed that it took him longer than he had expected.

"Actually we do not get the chance to play many GM tournaments. I could not utilise the oppor-

tunities in the few occasions I got. But I think it's better late than never," said Rakib.

"My target is now to cross the final hurdle and to do that, I have devoted myself to chess," said Rakib, who has even quit his studies to become the third Grandmaster of the country after Niaz and Ziaur Rahman.

"In the off-season, we need assistance of foreign coaches. But we do not get this chance. Iran is doing well by taking help from Ukrainian and Russian coaches," he added.

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PHOTO: STAR

Vietnam Grand Master Nguyen Anh Dung (L) and Abdullah Al Rakib finished champion and runner-up respectively in the Leonine Second GM Chess tournament that concluded yesterday.

Federer meets Kuerten next



AFP, Paris

Top seed Roger Federer's dream of adding the French Open title to his Wimbledon and Australian Open crowns will face its stiffest examination when he comes up against triple Roland Garros winner Gustavo Kuerten in the third round of this year's championship.

World number one Federer reached the last 32 with a 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 triumph over Germany's Nicolas Pietrangeli to record his first ever win on the main Philippe Chatrier court while 28th seeded Brazilian Kuerten, champion in 1997, 2000

and 2001, disposed of Belgium's Gilles Elsenbeer 6-2, 6-0, 6-3.

Also reaching the third round on Thursday were former world number one Lleyton Hewitt of Australia and Spain's Albert Costa, the 2002 champion.

In the women's draw, 2001 champion Jennifer Capriati of the United States, and 2000 winner Mary Pierce of France almost made it comfortably through on a day when order was restored to the championship after the shocks which had sent some of their title rivals crashing out.

Federer had never before won a match or even a set on the centre court, tumbling out in the first round last year to Luis Horna of Peru and the year before that to Hicham Arazi of Morocco at the same stage.

But there was rarely a glimmer of another Federer fiasco happening against Kiefer, the German player once touted as the next Boris Becker but who has struggled the last two years with injuries and poor form.

"It should be a great match against Kuerten for both of us and for the tournament," said Federer who has a 1-1 career record against the Brazilian winning on clay in Hamburg in 2002 before losing on hard courts at Indian Wells in 2003.

"We haven't played each other very often but if I can get past him, it will be a huge step. But I am not looking beyond that match because that would be disrespectful to Guga."

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